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Reply to Office Action of May 4, 2004



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In re: Patent application of : Group Art Unit:
Scott W. Huffer, *et al.* : 1774
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RESPONSE TO THIRD OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 4, 2004. This response is being filed in the two month period after the three-month shortened statutory period set by the Office Action. A request for an extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response. This extension resets the response deadline to October 4, 2004.

The present response includes the following parts: (1) **Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper and (2) **Remarks/Arguments** relative to these amendments which begin on page 5 of this paper.

Authorization is provided to charge any fee associated with this response, or to credit any over-payment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

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